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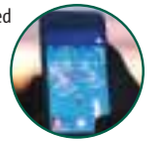


Vice President Joe Biden sought on Wednesday to ease tensions with Turkey over its demands for the extradition of a cleric it blames for last month's failed coup, saying Washington was cooperating but needed evidence to meet U.S. legal standards. Speaking during a visit to Ankara, Biden's comments came hours after President Tayyip Erdogan said Washington had "no excuse" for keeping hold of Muslim cleric Fethullah Gulen, who has lived in U.S. exile since 1999. The extradition demand for Gulen and Turkish perceptions of an unsympathetic Western response to the coup attempt have chilled relations between the United States and Turkey, a NATO ally and partner in the U.S.-led war on Islamic State. REUTERS

TURKISH TANKS ROLL INTO SYRIA, PUSHING ISIS OUT OF KEY BORDER TOWN

2 Syrian rebels backed by Turkish special forces, tanks and warplanes entered one of Islamic State's last strongholds on the Turkish-Syrian border on Wednesday, in Turkey's first major U.S.-backed incursion into its southern neighbor. A column of at least nine Turkish tanks crossed into Syria with the group of largely Arab and Turkmen rebels to drive Islamic State out of Jarablus and surrounding villages. A Reuters reporter at the border witnessed intense bombardments, with palls of black smoke rising around the town. President Tayyip Erdogan said the operation was targeting both Islamic State and the Kurdish PYD party, whose gains in northern Syria have alarmed Turkey. Ankara views the PYD as an extension of Kurdish militants fighting an insurgency on its own soil, putting it at odds with Washington, which sees the group as an ally in the fight against Islamic State. REUTERS

HUNDREDS OF POKEMON GO FANS HIT THE STREETS OF TAIPEI



3 Hundreds of Pokemon Go enthusiasts caused a stampede in Taipei in a rush to 'catch' rare Pokemons. The streets in Beitou were packed with people playing the location-based game and hunting for the virtual monsters through their smartphones. Many rushed to the spot where the characters apparently appeared. "There is Snorlax, Gyarados ... Aerodactyl is a bit more common," said one player, naming the characters that caused the commotion. So-called Pokestops are often established in parks, causing many to gather there. "Very cool, I think I have strong ones [Pokemons]," said one young player who was satisfied with the night's outcome. REUTERS



The Serbian Orthodox Cathedral of St. Sava on 26th Street between 5th and 6th avenues experienced a four-alarm fire on Orthodox Easter Sunday this year. Now it is surrounded by scaffolding. BESS ADLER

Ashes to ashes

After a massive blaze, a Serbian church starts to be rebuilt.

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More than three months have passed since the historic Serbian Orthodox Cathedral of St. Sava went up in flames, leaving the Flatiron landmark in ruin and heartbroken parishioners praying for the future of their cultural and spiritual site.

During that time, church officials have been meeting with city agencies in regards to rebuilding, and now that process is inching closer to becoming a reality.

Most of the cathedral — known for its woodwork and stained glass, and added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1982 — was destroyed by the four-alarm fire the night of May 1, Orthodox Easter Sunday. It was determined to be accidental, caused by improperly extinguished candles.

At the gutted cathedral on West 25th Street, charred roof beams have been torn down, but a sickening stench of burnout still remains. The rubble is hidden from the street by construction boards with yellow signs that scream "Warning, Rodent Bait," hardly befitting such a sacred space.



Firefighters pour water on the church as it is gutted by flames. GETTY IMAGES



The church on fire FDNY

Despite the disheartening scene, there is good news: City government agencies have determined that the addition of metal beams and a few other tweaks to reinforce parts of the remains of the structure will keep the dream of reconstruction alive.

Lidija Nikolic, a church executive board member, is among those who have been meeting regularly with the Office of Emergency Management, Department of Buildings, Landmarks Preservation Commission, Mayor's Office and Community Board 5 about the next steps.

"The shoring of the 25th Street wall has been required, as well as waterproofing," she said. "Shoring and bracing was broadened to the entire building as opposed to previous specification to only do the east and west walls. This should be completed by the first week of September."

Nikolic anticipates that adding those beams will enable renovation work to begin inside the parish hall.

She said the rebuild will be financed through insurance, donations and fundraising. A benefit reception was held Monday at the New York Athletic Club and drew Serbian tennis stars in town for the upcoming U.S. Open.

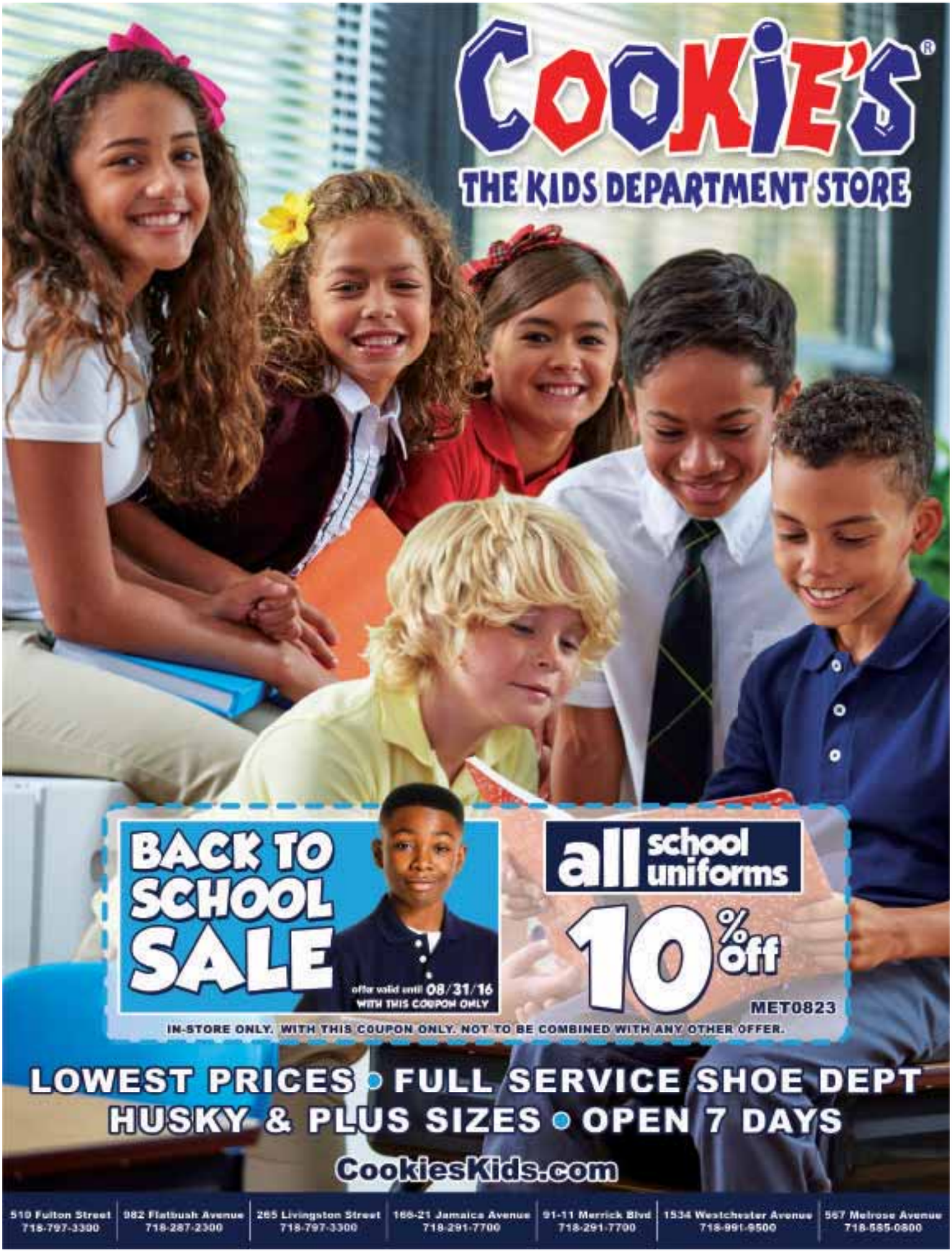
The Landmarks Preservation Commission will ultimately set the parameters for and approve a new design, a process that could take between six months and a year.

In the meantime, Sunday services are being held at the Chapel of the Good Shepherd at the General Theological Seminary, an Episcopal church on West 21st Street.

After services a few weeks ago, the Rev. Djokan Majstorovic led parishioners to the St. Sava site for a prayer, Nikolic said, "for us to remain strong and united in our efforts to renew our beloved St. Sava to its glory."

One of the few things that survived the fire was a painting of St. Sava that had been in the church office. The icon appeared to be untouched. Everything else in the room had been burned or drenched by water fighting the blaze, Nikolic said. The congregants have been praying under it since then.

"The parishioners are heartbroken but optimistic," Nikolic said. "It is tragic what happened this year. But even if we lost our beloved cathedral building, we have our living church — our congregation, our Serbian community in New York. We have each other."


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The renderings **MORPHOSIS**

How NYC's 2012 Olympic bid would have transformed the waterfront in Queens

An architectural competition reveals what might have been.

Now that the 2016 Rio Olympics have come to a close, we can't help but think what an incredible 17 days it would have been if they were here in New York City (logistical concerns aside). The city came closest in 2004 when it was chosen by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) as one of the five finalists to host the 2012 Olympics. London, Paris, Moscow and Madrid were the other four. Splashy renderings planted 27 venues across all five boroughs, New Jersey and Long Island, but the winning, and perhaps most eye-catching, proposal was the Olympic Village in Long Island City's Hunter's Point South by Thom Mayne's Morphosis.

An architectural competition for the village kicked off in September 2003, when 130 mind-bending ideas from more than 20 countries were submitted. In March 2004, five finalists were announced: Henning Larsen Architects from Denmark, MVRDV from the Netherlands, New York-based Smith-Miller + Hawkinson Architects, Santa Monica-based Morphosis, and London-based Zaha Hadid Architects.

Their designs were shown to the public in Grand Central's Vanderbilt Hall. It was emphasized that the submissions were only part of an "innovative design study," meaning there was no promise that any of it would be built or that the architects would even be chosen as the designers. Each of these world-class firms produced bold and refreshing schemes, but many of the plans were



derivations of Le Corbusier's Towers in the Park theme, a favorite enemy of many urbanists for its rigid ambition to engineer citizens (and the type of plan used for Rio's Olympic/Paralympic Village).

Ultimately, Thom Mayne's Morphosis was chosen as the winner. Their sinuous ribbons of mid-rise residential buildings flowed parallel to the East River and were juxtaposed by four tower slabs, three of which were at the site's northern end where they would be a counterpoint to the United Nations Secretariat Building. There would have been 4,500 units for the 16,000 athletes and coaches. The megastructure's tortured, deconstructivist forms would have been counteracted by 43 acres of open space, ranking it as the largest urban waterfront park in the five boroughs. The $1.5 billion complex was to be built by a private developer, and afterward its 4,500 units would be converted into middle-income housing.

The Bloomberg administration said the event would have created 125,000 jobs and pumped $11 billion into our economy, but, as we all know, New York lost the bid, and London went on to have a tremendously successful Olympics that revitalized many corners of the city. In 2014, there was some hope for a 2024 New York bid, but Mayor de Blasio squashed those dreams, believing a bid might distract from the city's economic-development agenda.

The city has grown relentlessly since losing the bid. Inevitably, development at the Hunters Point site is moving forward, albeit with a far less architecturally ambitious plan. In 2008, the City Council approved the rezoning of 30 acres of the parcel to make way for a 5,000-unit apartment complex with up to six high rises ranging from 250 to 400 feet tall and, possibly, another four to seven buildings ranging from 40 to 120 feet in height.

Two years ago, Related Companies with nonprofit Phipps Houses and Monadnock Construction finished a pair of 100 percent "affordable" towers designed by SHoP Architects at 1-50 50th Avenue (37 stories with 619 units) and 1-55 Borden Avenue (32 stories with 306 units). In 2013, the city chose TF Cornerstone to develop a third site on the peninsula, with a plan to build about 1,200 units spread across a two connected towers designed by ODA Architecture. Last June, HPD put out an RFP seeking developers for two more parcels. Crain's reported they would yield at least 750 residential units, 60 percent of which are be required to be affordable.

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Alligator found in SI bathtub

Cops expecting to find a burglar at a Staten Island home instead discovered an alligator in a bathtub.

An anonymous call came in Tuesday night for a break-in at a residence in Mariners Harbor, according to published reports.

No one was home, but the police did find something surprising, as they put it — a 2- to 3-foot alligator sitting in a bathtub. The reptile has been reportedly turned over to Animal Care and Control.

The alligator may have been an illegal pet, though charges have yet to be filed. CRISTABELLE TUMOLA



The alligator and the cops PROVIDED

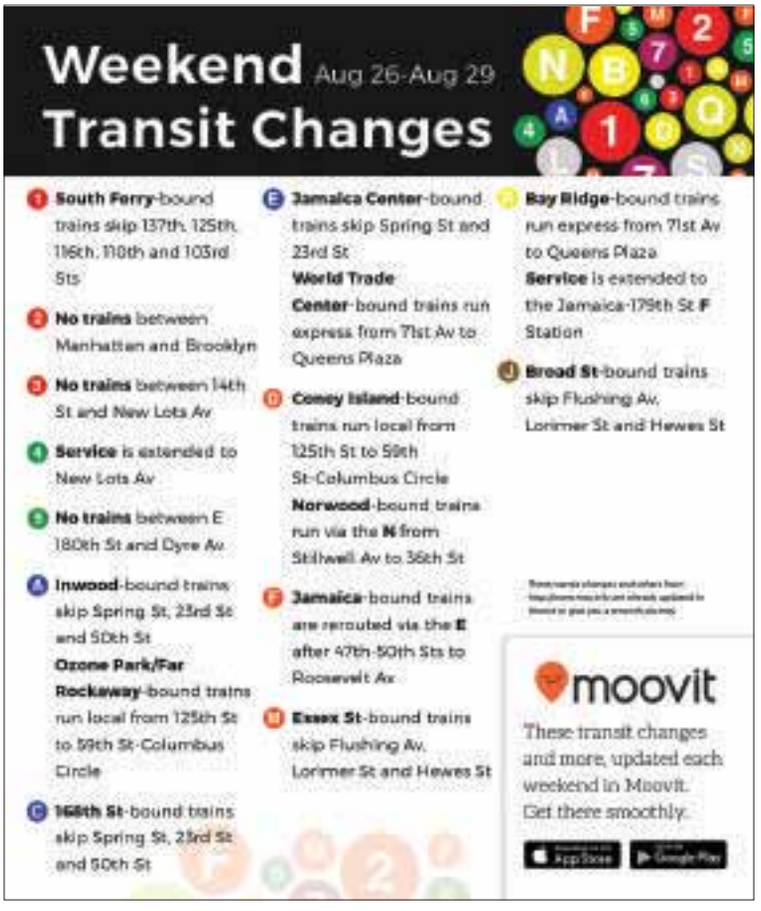
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NYC hospitals settle Medicaid repayment fraud charges

Three hospitals in New York's Mount Sinai Health System will pay $2.95 million to settle Medicaid fraud charges for taking two years to repay more than $844,000 of improper billings that had been flagged by a whistleblower, authorities said on Wednesday.

The accord resolves claims that Mount Sinai Beth Israel, Mount Sinai St. Luke's, Mount Sinai Roosevelt and their former Continuum Health Partners venture violated federal and state False Claims Acts by failing to repay the funds within 60 days, resulting in "reverse false claims."

U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara in Manhattan said the case arose after Continuum had been alerted by Robert Kane, a technical director for operations, to a software glitch that caused the erroneous billing of 444 claims to Medicaid in 2009 and 2010. But rather than make repayments, Continuum fired Kane. REUTERS



Reward in jogger's death now $300,000

Karina Vetrano's body was found raped and murdered in Howard Beach earlier this month.

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Philip and Karina Vetrano GOFUNDME

Mayor Bill de Blasio's office has added $10,000 to the reward being offered for information about the death of a Queens jogger earlier this month.

Karina Vetrano's body was found brutally murdered and sexually assaulted in Spring Creek Park in Howard Beach, Queens, on Aug. 2. She had left her home to go for a run.

Since then, a GoFundMe campaign was created by Vetrano's family to raise reward funds, which has culled more than $264,000 over a two-week span.

On Tuesday, the mayor's office announced its additional funds, CBS New York reported. Combined with $35,000 offered by the NYPD and the GoFundMe campaign, the total reward for information is nearly $300,000.

Last week, Vetrano's father, Philip Vetrano, said it was "a matter of days" before his daughter's killer was caught.

Queens man, 73, accused of murdering live-in girlfriend

A 73-year-man has been arrested in the brutal killing of his live-in girlfriend after a confession to his lawyer led police to her bloody corpse in Queens and he nearly committed suicide, prosecutors said.

Chitwah Tse, of Fresh Meadows, was charged with second-degree murder in the death of his 61-year-old girlfriend, Huizhen Zhan, in the basement apartment they shared. Tse, who faces up to 25 years to life in prison if convicted, has been ordered held without bail.

The couple shared their two-bedroom apartment with a third person, who on July 31 at about 6 p.m. last saw Zhan preparing dinner in the kitchen, according to prosecutors. The last person to allegedly speak to her on the phone said the conversation occurred less than two hours. Around midnight, the roommate heard loud banging coming from the couple's bedroom.

According to the charges, at about 5:30 a.m. Tse called the same person his girlfriend had spoken to on the phone the night before to say, "We are awake." The caller never allegedly spoke with Zhan. The roommate also only saw Tse that morning.

That evening when Tse met with relatives in Manhattan's Chinatown, he allegedly told them, in sum and substance, I am sorry for all that I have done. I don't know if I'll ever see you again, according to the district attorney's office.

About an hour later, a lawyer called police saying that a new client walked into his office that afternoon and told him there was a corpse in a basement apartment at a certain address in Fresh Meadows. Police found a body in a bedroom of the address, Tse's home, covered with a sheet that was soaked with blood, prosecutors said. There was also blood on the walls and ceiling and broken glass on the bed, along with blood on the shower stall, shower stall door and toilet, among other places.

The body was identified as Zhan, who, according to the medical examiner, had died from blunt-force trauma to the head.

On the afternoon of Aug. 3, after he had been identified by his lawyer and the death had been ruled a homicide, Tse climbed over a balcony railing on the 22nd floor of his lawyer's offices and threatened to jump, according to the district attorney. Tse refused to get down until about 6 p.m. CRISTABELLE TUMOLA

Man shamed in viral subway video for allegedly masturbating arrested



A screenshot from the video

"Be aware of your surroundings. If you feel uncomfortable move to a different train. Get off the train. ... Definitely, definitely report it because those that don't get reported, we never know about."

NYPD representative

The suspected fondler was also arrested in a second similar incident from last December.

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A man was arrested in two subway fondling incidents after one of them was allegedly caught on a viral video, authorities said.

Police sources identified the suspect to Pix11 as Kevin Cuffe, 23.

A video of the person police believe is Cuffe went viral last week. Posted by Deanna Carter of Queens on Facebook, the incident was filmed as she was riding a crowded 2 train on Aug. 15, according to reports. Carter angrily confronts the alleged subway masturbator, cursing him out before shaming him into getting off the train.

The f—k are you doing?" she is heard asking. "Do it again and I'm getting up out this chair to bust your f—king ass off this train."

Carter told ABC7 that she was sorry for her language. "I know it was very, very, very abrasive," she said. But added she would do the same thing again if confronted with another subway perv.

Since the video was posted on Facebook, it's been viewed more than three million times and also led to Cuffe's arrest in a second earlier incident on the subway.

Pix11 viewer Nicole De'Chabert contacted the station, claiming that she had cellphone footage of the same man in the video fondling himself on another 2 train in December 2015.

Police investigated both incidents and Cuffe was arrested and charged with two counts of public lewdness, according to Pix11.

De'Chabert also posted the video on Facebook so she could warn her friends, but never reported the incident to authorities.

The NYPD said it prefers to get the evidence directly — not see it on social media.

"Be aware of your surroundings," an NYPD representative said. "If you feel uncomfortable move to a different train. Get off the train. If you see someone doing something illegal, get off at the next stop, call police, get in touch with an MTA employee.

"Definitely, definitely report it because those that don't get reported, we never know about."

Riders can report any sexual misconduct they see on the subway to the MTA website, including uploading pictures and video.



BRIEF

California bill to repeal 'tampon tax' heads to governor

California lawmakers sent a bill to end state sales taxes on feminine hygiene products to Democratic Gov. Jerry Brown, the latest success for a nationwide bipartisan effort to end the so-called tampon tax.

The bill, which would add tampons, sanitary napkins and other menstrual products to a list of necessities like food and prescription medicines that are not taxed, won unanimous support in the state Assembly on Tuesday, Democratic Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia said.

"Fundamentally, this is about gender equity and leveling the field," Garcia, who represents parts of suburban Los Angeles, said in a news release. "Every month, for 40 years of our lives, we are taxed for being born women."

At least 15 states have



Brown

introduced legislation to repeal sales taxes on menstrual products. New York repealed its tax in June, joining Maryland, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Minnesota and New Jersey.

The movement appeals to Republicans because it repeals a tax and is favored by Democrats, who say it eliminates an unfair burden on women.

"It's great to see both Democrats and Republicans coming together on this important effort all across the country," said Republican Assemblywoman Ling-Ling Chang, who represents the Los Angeles suburb of Diamond Bar.

If Brown signs the bill, the state will lose about $20 million in tax revenue, according to a legislative analysis. REUTERS

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Texas students use sex toys to protest new gun laws on campus

The lawmakers said campus carry protects the rights of gun owners and could prevent a mass shooting on campus.

To protest a new state law that makes the carrying of concealed handguns legal in college classrooms, students at the University of Texas on Wednesday openly displayed sex toys, an act considered illegal under local indecency laws.

"We are fighting absurdity with absurdity," said Jessica Jin, leader of the protest called "Cocks Not Glocks: Campus (Dildo) Carry," where hundreds of sex toys were given away at the rally on Wednesday that coincided with a return to classes at university's flagship campus.

"Texas has decided it is not all obnoxious or illegal to allow deadly concealed weapons on campus. But walking around with a dildo could land you in trouble," Jin said.

On Aug. 1, a so-called "campus carry" law backed by the state's Republican political leaders went into effect that allows concealed handgun license holders aged 21 and older to bring handguns into classrooms and other university facilities.

Hundreds of university faculty and staff lobbied unsuccessfully to block campus carry, arguing the combination of youth, academic stress, alcohol and firearms could make for a deadly combination.

A U.S. district judge on Monday denied a motion from three University of Texas professors who wanted to ban guns in their classroom after the state gave some students that right under the law that went into effect this month.

On Wednesday, protests organizers shouting slogans like: "If you are packing heat, we are packing meat," handed out hundreds of sex toys, many donated by area stores. They also handed out plastic zip ties so that protesters could strap the sex toys on to their backpacks in a sign of defiance against campus carry.

"It's scary to think that at any moment you could be next to a person carrying a gun. And if they go off their rocker, like a lot of people do in college, it is game over for anyone nearby," said Bianca Montgomery, a second year student.

Third year student Forrest Sullivan, who backs the campus carry law, said the rally was high on drama, emotion and humor, but short on persuasive arguments. REUTERS

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Death toll rises as quake flattens towns in Italy

The 6.2-magnitude quake razed homes and buckled roads in a cluster of mountain communities 85 miles east of Rome. It was powerful enough to be felt in Bologna to the north and Naples to the south.

Rescue teams were working through the night to try to find survivors under the rubble that remained of central Italian towns flattened by an earthquake that hit in the early hours of Wednesday, killing at least 159 people.

One hotel that collapsed in the small town of Amatrice probably had about 70 guests, and only seven bodies had so far been recovered, said the mayor of the town that was one of the worst hit by the quake.

"Tonight will be our first nightmare night," said Alessandro Gabrielli, one of hundreds preparing to sleep in tents erected by rescue workers in fields and parking lots, each one housing 12 people whose homes had been destroyed.

Rescuers working with emergency lighting in the darkness saved a 10-year-old girl, pulling her out of the rubble alive, where she had lain for some 17 hours in the hamlet of Pescara del Tronto.

Many other children were not so lucky. In the nearby village of Accumoli, a family of four, including two boys aged 8 months and 9 years, were buried when their house imploded.

As rescue workers carried away the body of the infant, carefully covered by a small blanket, the children's grandmother blamed God: "He took them all at once," she wailed.

> *"Last night, I woke up with a sound that sounded like a bomb."*
>
> Alessandro Gabrielli

Prime Minister Matteo Renzi said the Cabinet would meet on Thursday to decide measures to help the affected communities.

"Today is a day for tears, tomorrow we can talk of reconstruction," he told reporters late on Wednesday as he announced 120 bodies had been found and 368 people had been taken to hospital.

The death toll rose to 159 a few hours later. With people still unaccounted for, the civil protection department warned it could climb higher.

Aerial photographs showed whole areas of Amatrice, last year voted one of Italy's most beautiful historic towns, flattened by the quake. Inhabitants of the four worst-hit small towns rise by as much as tenfold in the summer, and many of those killed or missing were visitors.

Amatrice's mayor, Sergio Pirozzi, said its best-known accommodation, Hotel Roma, which probably had around 70 guests at the time of the quake, had collapsed and only seven bodies had been found under the rubble.

The civil protection agency said it was trying to determine how many people were staying in the hotel.

Most of the damage was in the Lazio and Marche regions, with Lazio bearing the brunt of the damage and the biggest toll. Neighboring Umbria was also affected. All three regions are dotted with centuries-old buildings susceptible to earthquakes.

Italy's earthquake institute, INGV, said the epicenter was near Accumoli and Amatrice, which lie between the larger towns of Ascoli Piceno to the northeast and Rieti to the southwest.

It was relatively shallow at 2.5 miles below the earth's surface. INGV reported 150 aftershocks in the 12 hours following the initial quake, the strongest measuring 5.5.

Italy sits on two fault lines, making it one of the most seismically active countries in Europe.

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Rescuers search among damaged buildings in Arquata del Tronto. GETTY IMAGES



Residents react among the rubble after a strong earthquake hit Amatrice in Central Italy. GETTY IMAGES



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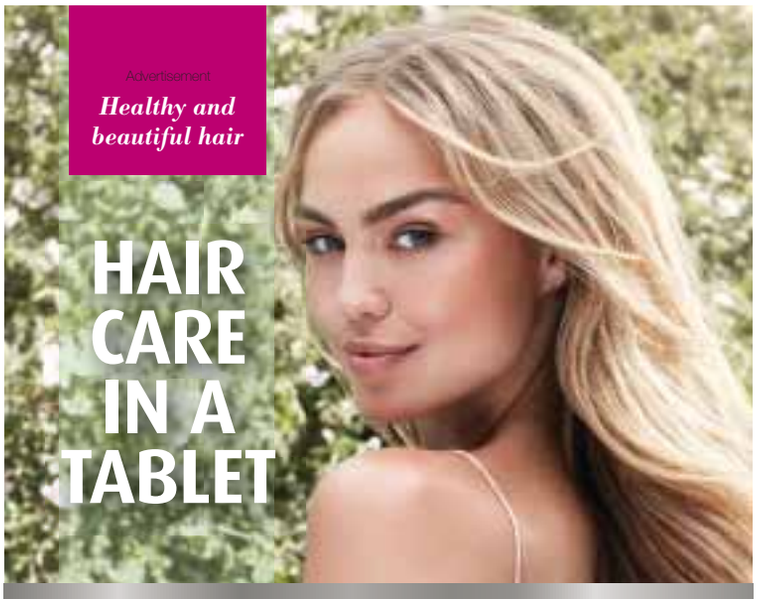
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Gunmen attack American University in Kabul, students flee

Foreign staff and dozens of pupils were trapped in the compound hours after the attack.

Suspected militants stormed the Kabul campus of the American University of Afghanistan on Wednesday with some students jumping from second-floor windows to escape the gunfire and explosions, witnesses and officials said.

News of casualties was sketchy, but the head of hospitals in the Afghan capital said at least one person had been killed and 14 students wounded in the assault.

"Many students jumped from the second floor, some broke their legs and some hurt their head trying to escape," Abdullah Fahimi, a student who escaped, told Reuters. He injured his ankle making the leap.

"We were in the class when we heard a loud explosion followed by gunfire. It was very close. Some students were crying, others were screaming."

A senior interior ministry official said that elite Afghan forces had surrounded the university and witnesses at the scene said special forces had entered the walled compound where gunfire that had lasted for more than an hour had since stopped.

"There are two gunmen hiding inside the building and a clearing operation is ongoing to eliminate them," interior ministry spokesman, Sediq Sediqqi, said.



Afghan security personnel stand guard near the site of explosion that targeted the elite American University of Afghanistan in Kabul. GETTY IMAGES

Ahmad Mukhtar, another student who fled the scene, said the gunmen had got into the university buildings despite security measures including three or four armed guards and watchtowers.

He added that he believed the attack had started at the main gate into the compound.

"I finished my class and was about to leave when I heard a few gunshots and a huge explosion, followed by more gunfire," he said. "I ran toward the emergency exit with other students, climbed the wall and jumped outside."

Kabul police chief, Abdul Rahman Rahimi, told Reuters that the attack began with a car bomb and several attackers had entered the campus.

Islamist militant groups, mainly the Afghan Taliban and a local offshoot of Islamic State, have claimed a string of recent atrocities aimed at destabilizing the country and toppling the Western-backed government of President Ashraf Ghani.

No one has claimed responsibility for the university attack.

It is the second time this month that the university or its staff have been targeted.

Two teachers, an American and an Australian, remain missing after being abducted at gunpoint from a road nearby on Aug. 7.

Taliban insurgents control large swathes of Afghanistan, and local armed forces are struggling to contain them, especially in the provinces of Helmand to the south and Kunduz to the north.

NATO ended its combat mission in December 2014, but thousands of troops remain to train and assist Afghan forces, while several thousand more U.S. soldiers are engaged in a separate mission focusing on al Qaeda and Islamic State. REUTERS

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Clinton calls for lower price on allergy drug EpiPen

Clinton frequently said during the primary that she would fight pharmaceutical companies, part of an attempt to counter criticism that she was too closely tied to the insurance industry. She has released a proposal that she says will lower drug costs for consumers.



EpiPen GETTY IMAGES

Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton called on pharmaceutical company Mylan NV to voluntarily drop the price of its severe allergy treatment drug EpiPen, which has increased in price by more than 400 percent in the past decade.

"That's outrageous — and it's just the latest troubling example of a company taking advantage of its consumers," Clinton said in a statement.

Nina Devlin, Mylan spokeswoman, did not respond to inquiries about Clinton's criticism of the company. Mylan acquired the product in 2007, and the price increased from $100 in 2008 to its current cost of $600.

Shares of Mylan were down more than 5 percent at $43.10.

The White House took a more cautious tone in criticizing rising drug costs, refusing to comment on the decisions of an individual company.

"I will observe, however, that pharmaceutical companies that often try to portray themselves as the inventors of life-saving medication often do real damage to their reputation by being greedy and jacking up prices in a way that victimizes," White House spokesman Josh Earnest said at a news briefing.

Clinton joins a bipartisan group of lawmakers who are calling for investigations into the price increase of EpiPens, which are preloaded injections of epinephrine (adrenaline) that people use if they are having a dangerous allergic reaction that untreated could result in death.

Republican Sen. Chuck Grassley, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, wrote Mylan earlier in the week to ask for an explanation in the price change. Sen. Amy Klobuchar, the top Democrat on the committee's antitrust subcommittee, called for an investigation by the Federal Trade Commission.

> *"It's wrong when drug companies put profits ahead of patients, raising prices without justifying the value behind them."*
>
> Clinton said in a statement

On Wednesday, Republican Sen. Susan Collins and Democratic Sen. Claire McCaskill requested that Mylan provide a briefing for the Senate to explain the price change.

"We have reached out to every member of Congress who has sent us a letter, and we look forward to meeting with them and responding to their questions as soon as possible," Devlin said.

In January, Clinton admonished Valeant Pharmaceuticals, who raised the price of a heart drug. In the wake of a Clinton campaign blog post targeting Valeant, the company's stock fell. In March, she released a campaign ad vowing to target the company specifically.

Clinton also criticized Turing Pharmaceuticals in the fall of 2015 when public ire rose after it decided to raise the price of an anti-viral medication commonly used by AIDS patients and pregnant women from $13.50 a tablet to $750 each.

After a single post by Clinton on the social media website Twitter critical of Turing, the company's stock price tumbled.

At that time, Clinton released a comprehensive drug price plan that she says would reduce costs. Her proposal includes capping monthly out-of-pocket costs, expand generic drug access and allow Americans to buy pharmaceuticals abroad.

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump has said little about lowering drug prices. He has proposed increasing the amount of negotiations permitted by Medicare in order to lower prices for those using the program.

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Scientists find Earth-like planet circling sun's nearest neighbor

Scientists have discovered a planet that appears to be similar to Earth circling the star closest to the sun, potentially a major step in the quest to find out if life exists elsewhere in the universe, research published on Wednesday showed.

The relative proximity of the planet, known as Proxima b, gives scientists a better chance to eventually capture an image of it, to help them establish whether it has an atmosphere and water, which is believed to be necessary for life.

Future studies may reveal if any atmosphere contains tell-tale chemicals of biological life, such as methane, according to a paper published in this week's issue of the journal Nature.


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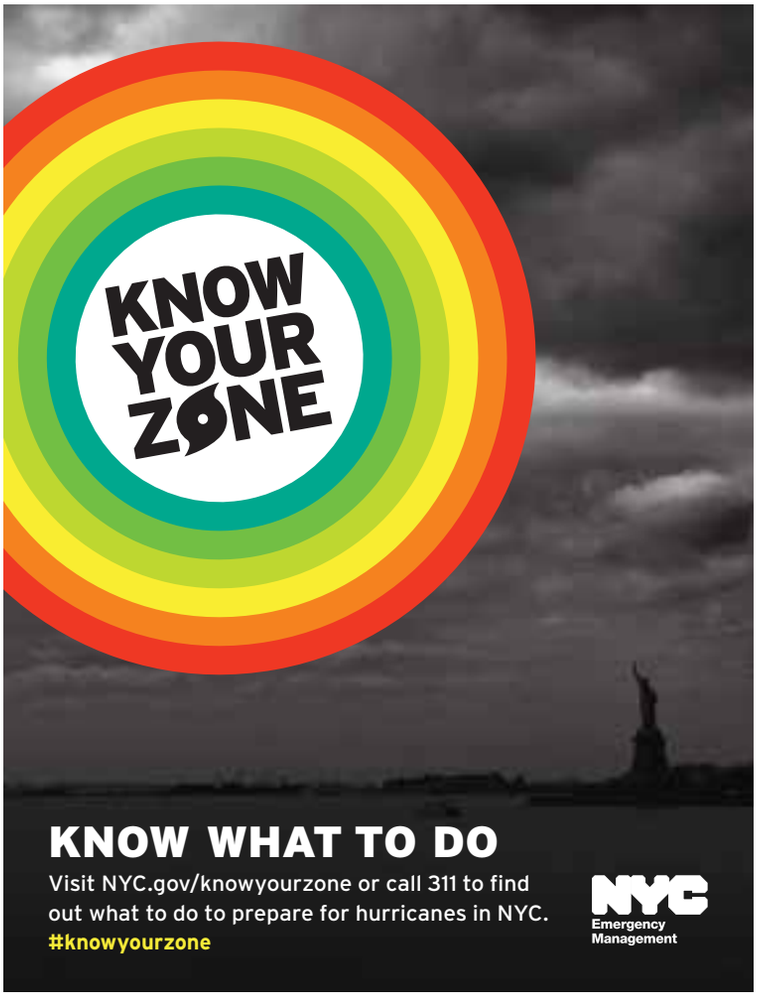
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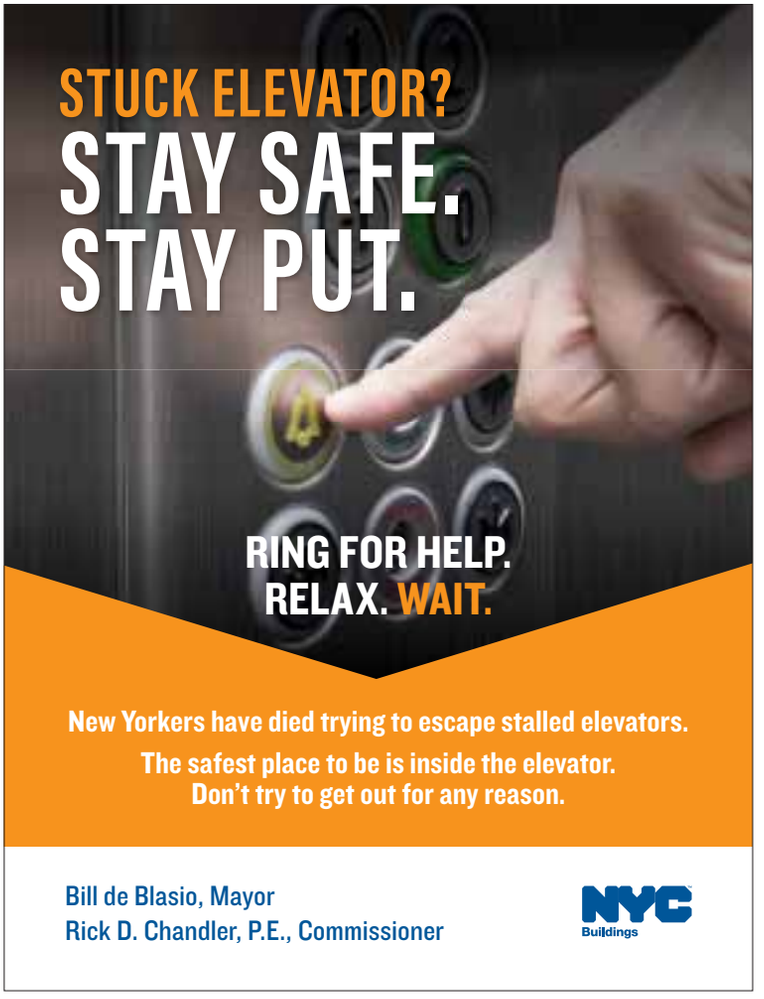
"This planetary system is much closer than any other that we know so detailed investigation is easier," astronomer Ansgar Reiners, with the University of Gottingen in Germany, told reporters on a conference call.

Astronomers got their first hint of a planet circling the sun's small dim neighbor star in 2013. But they needed additional observations, using more precise instruments, to make a definitive call.

An international team of 31 scientists found the planet after careful and repeated measurements of slight shifts in the color of the light coming from its host star, Proxima Centauri, which is a small, dim star in the Alpha Centauri system. REUTERS







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China, South Korea and Japan to urge North Korea to stop provocation

Foreign ministers from the three Asian neighbors also sought to soothe their often-testy relations, and have reached an understanding on a trilateral summit meeting in Japan this year, a Japanese official said.

Japan, China and South Korea agreed to urge North Korea to refrain from provocation and follow U.N. Security Council resolutions, after its latest missile launch towards Japan early on Wednesday.

"We have confirmed that we will urge North Korea to exercise self-restraint regarding its provocative action, and to observe the U.N. Security Council's resolutions," Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida told a news conference after hosting the meeting with his Chinese and South Korean counterparts.

A North Korean submarine fired a ballistic missile on Wednesday that flew about 300 miles towards Japan, a show of improving technological capability for the isolated country that has conducted a nuclear test and a series of missile launches in defiance of U.N. sanctions.

In the face of the threat, cooperation among Japan, China and South Korea was more important than ever, Kishida said after his meeting with China's Wang Yi and South Korea's Yun Byung-se.

Yun promised South Korea's support to realize a trilateral summit by year's end, as well as to cooperate economically and to achieve a successful summit of the Group of 20 big economies next month in China.

Wang said China opposed North Korea's nuclear and missile programmes and any "words or actions" that cause tension on the Korean peninsula, China's foreign ministry said in a statement.

China will continue to push for the peninsula's denuclearization, seek a resolution through talks and uphold regional peace and stability, Wang added.

The three ministers share the understanding that Japan will host a trilateral summit this year, though dates have yet to be worked out, a Japanese Foreign Ministry official told reporters. REUTERS


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Chicago's detective force dwindles as murder rate soars

Every two weeks, Cynthia Lewis contacts the detectives investigating the homicide of her brother on Chicago's South Side almost a year ago.

They have had no success finding who shot Tyjuan Lewis, a 43-year-old father of 15, near his home in the quiet Roseland neighborhood of single-family houses.

The death of Lewis, who delivered the U.S. mail for 20 years, is one of hundreds of slayings in 2015 that have gone unsolved as the number of homicides soared in Chicago, piling pressure on a shrinking detective force.



Chicago police detectives and police officer stand outside the Lavanderia Soap Opera Laundromat and Keeler Food & Deli during an investigation of a shooting on July 25, 2016. GETTY IMAGES

In a city with as many as 90 shootings a week, homicides this year are on track to hit their highest level since 1997.

Chicago's murder clearance rate, a measurement of solved and closed cases, is one of the country's lowest, another sign of problems besetting police in the third biggest city in the United States.

Over the past 10 years, Chicago has consistently had one of the lowest clearance rates of any of the country's 10 biggest cities, according to data from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Chicago Police Department.

Last year, Chicago police had 480 murder cases and solved 223 murders that had been committed in 2015 or before, for a clearance rate of 46 percent, according to Chicago police figures.

That is well below the average national rate of 63 percent, and the average rate of 68 percent for cities with populations of more than 1 million in the past decade, according to FBI figures.

Chicago, with a population of 2.7 million, has more shootings and homicides than any other U.S. city, according to FBI and Chicago police data, and more shootings by law enforcement than other major cities, according to police department figures on officer-involved shootings compiled by Reuters. Its police department is under federal investigation for the use of lethal force by its officers.

Detectives and policing experts interviewed this week said Chicago struggles to solve murders because of declining numbers of detectives, the high number of cases per detective, and because witnesses mistrust the police and fear retaliation from gangs.

The number of detectives on the Chicago police force has dropped to 922 from 1,252 in 2008. One detective who retired two months ago said investigators are overwhelmed. Not all of the detectives are assigned exclusively to homicide cases. REUTERS

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Broody — but in a come-hither kind of way

Banks, "Altar," Sept. 30

Banks makes R&B that has a tendency to make you feel like you should be driving a car slowly through a dimly lit street on your way to a booty call — or away from a terrible breakup, depending on which song you're listening to. If you're curious about what to expect from her new album, "Altar," her new singles "F— with Myself" and "Gemini Feed" are good places to start: faint whiffs of '90s R&B and early aughts indie.

Your guide to fall album releases

From easy listening to headbanging, we've got you covered. NICOLE HUNTER

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More edge than pumpkin spice

Norah Jones, "Daybreaks," Oct. 7

The nine-time Grammy-winning woman behind everyone's favorite Starbucks album is back. "Carry On," the first single from her new album, "Daybreaks," sounds like a nice slow pour of a coconut-milk chai latte: sweet, comforting and wholesome, yet entirely of the moment.



If you're sick of heteronormativity

Mykki Blanco, "Mykki," Sept. 16

Mykki is the name to drop when you're looking to summon up an innate sense of cool you may not naturally have and impress your friends with your obscure music taste. Mykki, a performance artist turned MC, is at the epicenter of all that is forward-thinking and progressive. He's also a member of the fashion and art worlds' coolest kids (Hood By Air's Shayne Oliver, Count of Milan's Marcelo Burlon and artist Rashaad Newsome, to name a few). Not to mention Mykki is the godfather of queer rap. His new eponymous album promises to provoke your mind while you tear up the dance floor.



Your best friend's new down-ass beat

M.I.A,, "A.I.M.," Sept. 9

"I'm a parrot," the provocateur declares in the opening of her recent single, "Bird Song." No matter what you think of her controversial sound bites, murky authenticity and confusing politics, M.I.A. consistently turns out a listenable, highly catchy beat. Her next album, "A.I.M." should have more of the same.

Case in point, the Skrillex work of wonder, "Go Off."

So you're feeling oddly confrontational ...

Die Antwoord, "Mount Ninji and Da Nice Time Kid," Sept. 16

Before they became the South African music act who beefed with Lady Gaga, tried to pick a fight with Drake and accused "Suicide Squad" of plagiarism, they were the underground countercultural hit. They're describing their new album as "dark and ratty," which sounds about right.





Belt it out

Idina Menzel, "Idina," Sept. 23

Kristin Chenoweth, "The Art of Elegance," Sept. 23

Musical lovers, listen up: Broadway majors (and the original "Wicked" co-stars) Idina Menzel and Kristin Chenoweth are releasing albums in the same week. I repeat, the same week! The only thing that could possibly be more exciting is if they were releasing a joint album, covering the "Hamilton" soundtrack. ... Buy some honey and a box of chamomile tea, because you're going to be doing a lot of belting in the shower this fall.



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A fantastical world

When Sean Lennon met bassist Les Claypool, a backstage jam led to a new prog project.

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The Claypool Lennon Delirium made festival rounds this year.

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Sean Lennon
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Psychedelia and prog rock live in Sean Lennon's bones. It's what his father, John, helped pioneer with the Beatles. It's what he primarily listens to. And it's the taking off point for the Claypool Lennon Delirium, his new psych-pop musical project with Primus' legendary, whimsical bassist, Les Claypool.

"That music attracts me because it's very elaborate and sophisticated," says Lennon, who references the Mahavishnu Orchestra, King Crimson and even Miles Davis as some of the progressive artists he enjoys. "It takes a lot of work. It's ambitious. It's also fun. It's more dreamlike because it takes you from here to there — to different headspaces within one song."

His relationship with Claypool began when Lennon's band, the Ghost of a Saber Tooth Tiger, opened for Primus. After a jam session backstage where the two "clicked," Claypool invited Lennon to his California home studio, Rancho Relaxo, to write. It certainly worked: The duo had completed an 11-song album, called "Monolith of Phobos," about a month later.

"The first song that Les came in with was called 'Captain Lariat' and that sort of set the tone [for the record]," says the 40-year-old artist. "He had this whole mythology about this character named Captain Lariat who was sailing in the salty seas."

The entire album follows this tone, often melding dark, otherworldly tales with dense, proggy soundscapes.

"Bubbles Burst" tells the tale of Lennon's bizarre, fantasylike experience hanging with Michael Jackson's pet chimpanzee at the Neverland Ranch. "The song wound up also being kind of a metaphor because Michael's friends were younger kids and he famously felt kind of childlike himself," adds Lennon. "There was something tragic about the fact that, as a chimpanzee, you can't be kept into adulthood [as a pet] because you become dangerous when you go through puberty."

Another, "Cricket and the Genie," dives into the story of a boy who fantasizes about his antidepressants as they're a genie in a bottle that will solve his problems. "I was sick of hearing about kids who were withdrawing from SSRIs [selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors], or weird anti-depressants that were pushed by big pharmacy companies onto people who might not necessarily need those drugs," says Lennon.

While the subject matter seems more serious than the duo's colorful, meandering musical tone, Lennon notes that it's almost intrinsic to their style.

"There's this sort of tension between Les' and my desire to just rock out and make music but also our tendency to tune into frequencies of topical events that are dark or difficult to deal with for all of us," he explains. "It's just there, so it manifests itself naturally."

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Jane Levy plays a thief trying to hide from the dangerous blind man she's trying to rob in "Don't Breathe." SONY

"Don't Breathe"

Director: Fede Alvarez
Stars: Jane Levy, Stephen Lang
Rating: R

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Unlike the idiots who break into the wrong man's house to steal his booty, "Don't Breathe" is very delicate. It's a dirty, white-knuckle thriller that knows the genre enough to play with it. It's a home invasion picture, but inverted: Our not-quite-heroes are a gang of young thieves who break into a house only to find themselves trapped inside it. They have company in their mark: a blind Gulf War vet (Stephen Lang), who's not quite Daredevil but efficient and willing enough to take them all out.

Toying with genre expectations is one thing, but "Don't Breathe" does something else: It technically gives you no one to root for. To be more precise: It wants your stance on each character to be closer to "It's complicated." There's Rocky (Jane Levy), a single mom desperate to take her young daughter away from a Detroit trailer park. That's nice, but it means exploiting the not-so-good graces of both a cornrowed braggart who actually calls himself Money (Daniel Zovatto) and a nice guy (Dylan Minnette) who can get them access to swank digs because his dad runs a local home security firm. And that also means literally robbing a man blind, one who's come into a hefty settlement and wrestles with both the trauma of war and the deaths of his wife and daughter.

But that their target — who's credited as The Blind Man — will go a bit above and beyond in protecting his stash makes things complicated, too. Once "Don't Breathe" is good and settled in the house, director Fede Alvarez (of the mega-bloody "Evil Dead" remake) gets to the business of mucking with audience sympathy, jostling our sympathy between invaders and the invadee. Rocky and crew try to hide or at least keep quiet, all while slinking about a creaky house. Alvarez is a pro at creating tension with nothing more than sound effects and shots that constantly have us thinking of what's outside the frame. It's a movie that knows how to unnerve in more ways than one. **MATT PRIGGE**



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Edgar Ramirez plays legendary and somewhat infamous boxer Roberto Duran, alongside Robert De Niro as his coach, in "Hands of Stone." THE WEINSTEIN COMPANY

"Hands of Stone"

Director: Jonathan Jakubowicz
Stars: Edgar Ramirez, Robert De Niro
Rating: R

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"Hands of Stone" isn't a hagiography; it's not even a movie that straightens a record. It's closer to a yes-man who tells their boss their speech was great, ignoring the part where his pants fell down. The subject is Roberto Duran, one of the greatest boxers who's never scored a movie. You think he'd deserve one: He pulled himself up from the bootstraps of Panama's streets to hold world titles in four different weight classes. He had a punch so hard he earned the eponymous nickname. But here's the rub: In the seventh round of a highly-publicized rematch with Sugar Ray Leonard in 1980, he abruptly called it off, taking his toys and leaving with the whole world watching.

There are many ways to tackle this. A fascinating film could be made that explored the difficulties of being a star. Instead it goes so far out of its way to portray him as a victim, to spin his rep-shattering act as sort of defensible, that you can't help smelling a rat. It's a sticky piece of cornball that keeps pulling its punches. Edgar Ramirez is at least predictably fiery as Duran, who punches his way out of poverty — with a lot of help from a legendary trainer Ray Arcel (Robert De Niro), who uses his clout to bust him up to the big leagues.

It's a rise-and-fall-and-rise-again romp, whose middle section is devoted to Duran gorging like Caligula on his wealth. It dwells so much on his bacchanal period that it becomes clear this the movie is pulling a bait and switch: You're supposed to think he's complicated because he got too into drinks and drugs and cheated on his wife and turned on friends. You're supposed to ignore that the film doesn't think his infamous act is complicated. In fact, it spends a lot of time pinning all the blame on his manager, who rushed him back into battle, concerned only about money. "Hands of Stone" may look like a standard-issue inspirational sports saga, but it's really cinema as damage control.

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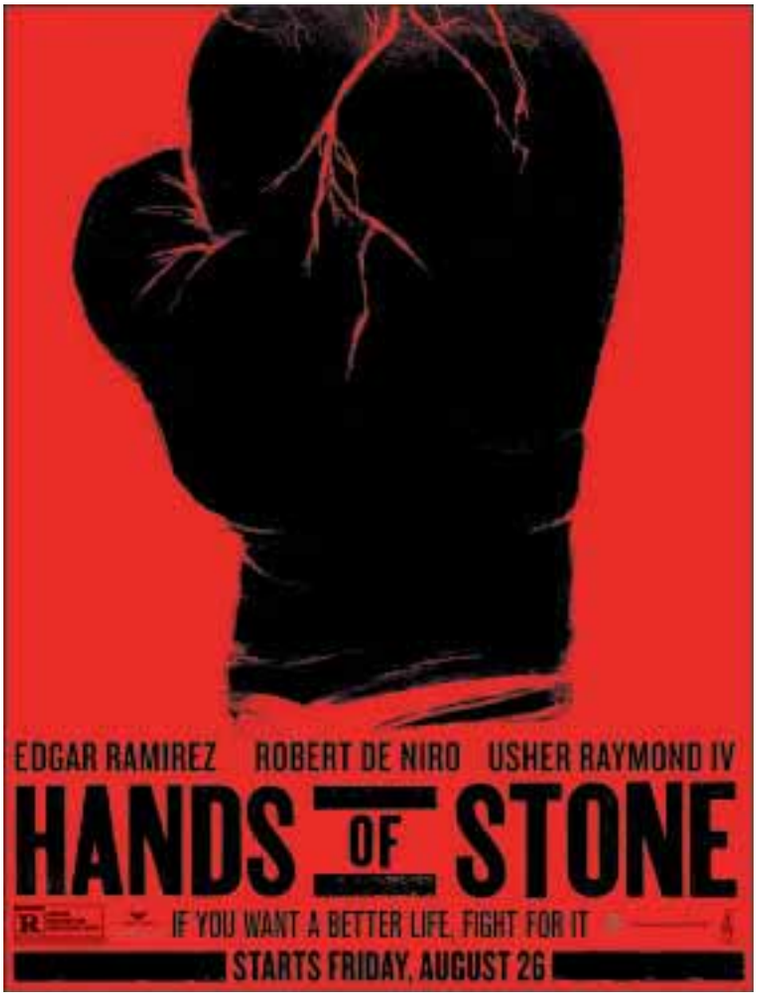
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Tika Sumpter is young Michelle Robinson to Parker Sawyers' young Barack Obama in the indie "Southside with You."
ROADSIDE ATTRACTIONS



"Southside with You"

Director: Richard Tanne
Stars: Tika Sumpter, Parker Sawyers
Rating: PG-13

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The Obamas movie might work even if it wasn't about the Obamas, which is one of the best things you can say about it. It if wasn't about them, it would be little more than a nice indie romance about a date between two nice people, one who's (at first) more into the other then vice versa. It just happens its heroes are Michelle Robinson and Barack Obama. It's a cinematic imagining of the first couple's semi-awkward first semi-date circa 1989, when Barack (Parker Sawyers) talks Michelle (Tika Sumpter), then colleagues, into joining him at a low-income neighborhood meeting, with the express purpose of nudging it into something more. Michelle is irritated at first, but she slowly gives in, and the rest is earth-shattering and annoyingly contentious history.

The young Obamas sure are cute, though Tanne gracefully adds just enough heaviness that the movie doesn't float away. Apart from walking and talking, they don't have much to do. There's the neighborhood meeting, at which Barack shows off his oratory prowess while Michelle tries not to melt, plus a whimsical trip to see that "Do the Right Thing" movie everyone's talking about. Race is a favorite discussion point, as is career ambition and Barack's father. Tanne ladles this on a little too much, if anything, though he goes light with wink-winky references to Barry and Michelle's future. (There's no part where a burly bouncer at a bar with a fox for hair asks for his long-form birth certificate.)

His leads go subtle, too. Sawyers' O is a bit too close to an impersonation, but he captures the way Obama is cagey yet charismatic. Even better is Sumpter who gives us a version of Michelle who's stern yet flirty, clearly more confident than the man who will one day lead the free world. Watching her swaggering Michelle, it's strange to think of her as a mere first lady, just as it would to watch young Hillary in a movie about the Clintons' first date. "Southside with You" is slight, and that's part of the charm. It's the pleasant movie we deserve after a needlessly contentious eight years.

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No more rain delays for the biggest matches

The new retractable roof over Arthur Ashe Stadium is finally in place, with 13 million pounds of steel ready to shelter tennis fans and stars from the elements and keep the matches going. If you score a ticket to opening night, Aug. 29, "Hamilton" star and newly minted solo artist Leslie Odom Jr. and Phil Collins will perform a "special duet." After 18 months of construction, the Grandstand has opened with its sunken court providing the audience with a unique vantage point.



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A kid-friendly day you don't want to miss

Kids are going to have some competition for tickets to Arthur Ashe Kids Day, the unofficial kickoff to the tournament Aug. 27. The event has grown into a full-blown music festival, with acts including rapper Flo Rida, Aussie singer Troye Sivan and boy band trio Forever in Your Mind. "The Fault in Our Stars" actor Ansel Elgort will don his DJ hat. Oh, and some ball-slingers named Venus, Novak and Rafael will be knocking around, too.



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How to get in free

Tickets to the grounds are $60, which can still get you in to see some great tennis on the smaller courts (there are 24 in all), though the big match-ups are individually ticketed. But on select days, you can take in all the action for free. Stop by before the tournament starts, Aug. 23-26, to watch the qualifying matches, Aug. 28, for the more casual practice sessions. And Sept. 8 is Community Day, with free entry from noon to 6 p.m.



SHANE DRUMMOND

Play against the pros

Gilt City is giving tennis fans a chance to face off against ATP World Tour star John Isner and doubles champs the Bryan Brothers at Spin with the Pros on Aug. 25 at table tennic club SPiN. The $75 ticket includes a meet-and-greet with the pros, with three hours of passed hors d'oeuvres and drinks, and if you get there early, you could get the chance to play an 11-point ping-pong match with them. ***giltcity.com***

Smell what the celebrity chefs are cooking

Sushi mogul Masaharu Morimoto and David "Bacon Curtain" Burke are staples of the U.S. Open food scene, which ranges from a massive outdoor food court to a sports bar, fine dining and not one but two oyster bars. Joining the already star-studded roster of chefs this year are David Chang with an outpost of Fuku as part of the Food Village, which also has a new Jacob's Creek wine bar and Angry Taco and BLT Fish Shack. Ken Oringer and Jamie Bissonnette are bringing Toro's regional Spanish flavors to a restaurant space just outside Arthur Ashe Stadium. Plus, you can also get Neapolitan Express pizzas at the regular Food Village and the new smaller food court at the Grandstand.



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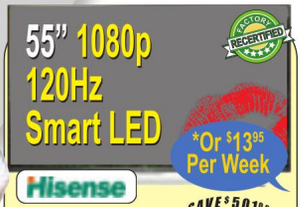
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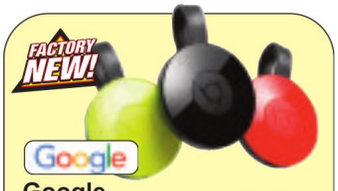
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ARTS, CULTURE, ACTION

Madonna's 'Truth or Dare' is careful but candid, even 25 years later

The Metrograph will screen the film as part of its "Madonna: A Body of Work" festival.



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Long before she assumed a British affectation, Madonna was just Madonna, a material girl living in a material world — but you wouldn't know that, because Instagram didn't exist yet.

Her 1990 Blond Ambition World Tour was one of such epic proportions that the star took director Alek Keshishian and his film crew on the road to create her own rockumentary, "Truth or Dare," giving fans a rare look into the star's personal life. The film — which made a whopping $29 million worldwide — amassed such a cult following that on its 25th anniversary, the Metrograph will screen a week-long revival run from Aug. 26-Sept. 1, alongside other films incuding "A League of Their Own," "Dick Tracy" and more as part of the "Madonna: A Body of Work."

Today, much of the film would be considered problematic. Madonna laughs as her makeup artist confides that she had been raped. She mocks her gay backup dancers, both to their faces and when their backs are turned. She sticks her finger down her throat after meeting Kevin Costner. She very openly seems to hate Oprah. ("[Chicago is] a conservative town. And that is another reason to not wanna live in Chicago — beside for the fact that Oprah Winfrey lives here.")

In retrospect, "Truth of Dare" merely grazes the edges of the 24-hour megastar. The Beyonces, the Taylor Swifts, the Kanye Wests who follow invite us on their tours and into their lives, and their associates' lives, and their associates' associates' lives, in a seemingly endless, yet politically correct, social-media cyclone. "Truth or Dare" shows what she (and Keshishian) want you to see — the good and the bad, the bratty and the beautiful. Even in the film's most risqué, infamous scene (she risks arrest in Toronto for simulating sex acts onstage during "Like a Virgin"), Madonna still leaves much to the imagination.

If you go

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"Truth or Dare" takes the audience along on Madonna's blockbuster tour. MIRAMAX

EAT LIKE AN INSIDER



Rebecca Weitzman

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Chef Rebecca Weitzman has had a hand in restaurants all over the city, most recently the West Village's eclectic New American spot Clarkson, Thistle Hill Tavern and helming the reopening of Cafe Noir in 2014.

She left the consulting life behind to join SoHo's beloved seasonal vegetable-focused restaurant Chalk Point Kitchen last December, but it's her late summer dinner menu that caught our eye, with items like smoked diver scallops with melon gazpacho and farm-fresh peaches topped with spice-roasted macadamia nut crumble on a chipotle crema.

And, while it lasts, grab her lobster roll on a gluten-free English muffin. A full half of a Maine lobster gets a dressing of lemon aioli, with tarragon, dill, chervil and an ingredient Weitzman finds practically irresistible: nasturtium flowers.

"A lot of edible flowers don't have a ton of flavor, whereas nasturtium are so unique, they're really sweet and then they finish with this awesome peppery, arugula flavor that goes really nice with the sweetness of the lobster," she says, admitting to loving the plant in her rooftop garden to death.

When it comes to going out, Weitzman prefers ethnic restaurants and rarely visits the same place twice — but she does have some memorable spots.



Hidden gem

"I don't generally go out to eat my own kind of food, so I'll go to smaller, ethnic restaurants. I love real Thai and Vietnamese food, and **Somtum Der** is one of my favorites in the city, I love it, so spicy and authentic."
85 Ave. A, East Village

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"If I just wanted an easy lunch that's always really fresh and consistent, I love **Westville**. They do what they do really really well, it's nothing crazy but it's just good. They focus on vegetables, and I'm a huge vegetable person."
246 W. 18th St., Chelsea, 210 W. 10th St., West Village

Favorite bar

"I'm a huge margarita person, I love all different varieties of tequila cocktail, and I had a spicy carrot-tequila cocktail [Twisted Rabbit] that was not sweet, which are hard to find, at **Bar Virage**. Their cocktail list is really interesting. The other best cocktail I've had is a beet-tequila one [Calacas] at **Hudson Clearwater**, and they have a really awesome patio in the back."
118 Second Ave., 447 Hudson St.

Solo dining

"I love sitting at bars and eating. I really liked the food at **Mayfield**, a good atmosphere and they always are changing the menu, and they have really great bartenders who are always very knowledgeable."
688 Franklin Ave., Crown Heights

EVA KIS

Coney Island preps for Labor Day

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Labor Day is fast approaching, which means that most New Yorkers are planning their last summer getaways of the season. Not surprisingly, all eyes are on Coney Island (a.k.a. the go-to Labor Day party destination).

Leading the charge is **Place to Beach** on the Coney Island Boardwalk. PTB is a beachy escape from the concrete jungle. With refreshing cocktails flowing—including our signature margaritas—and bumping live music in full effect, PTB epitomizes summer in the city. This Coney Island favorite, known for its over-the-top themed parties and killer Mexican fare, is dialing up the all-day (and night) boardwalk fun this Labor Day weekend.

PTB will be delivering fresh entertainment that you'll be hard-pressed to find anywhere else. This includes live performances by some of the industry's leading DJs. House music legend Jason Ojeda will be spinning on Labor Day, flooding PTB with the hard beats and high-energy sounds that have made him a standout star in New York and beyond.

Leading up to the big day, you can expect big-name acts all weekend long, including appearances by NYC beat-makers like DJ Finesse, DJ Sizzahandz, DJ Krave, DJ Riz, John Paul The DJ, and too many others to count. You can also expect to see (and hear) some of your favorite DJs from 92.3 Amp Radio NY. (DJ Yonny and So Dope are both on the Labor Day weekend set list).

PTB is all about New York-bred, homegrown talent, which has taken center stage all season long. Since July, this Brooklyn hotspot has been hosting regular freestyle performers concerts along with nonstop parties and events. This celebration of community and local artists is a major reason why PTB has become such a treasured cultural hub.

Labor Day weekend will be a culmination of this summer's hottest





events. What better way to end the season than with a drink in hand while soaking up the sun and listening to some of today's most talented DJs? PTB's boardwalk beach-view bar is waiting. In other words, now is the time to start planning your Labor Day party!

If you're celebrating something special, just give them a heads up and you'll also get the royal treatment. As PTB closes down the season with a bang, get on their text list and snag complimentary admission. (Simply text "PlaceToBeach"—all one word—to 313131.)

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AG Kitchen

The Upper West Side's **AG Kitchen** has a Latin American-influenced menu for you, and a special one for your four-legged friend that includes burgers, chicken and rice, and even ice cream. Humans can cool down with a sparkling mojito; don't miss the grilled jumbo shrimp glazed using chef Alex Garcia's own Copacabana 1940 anejo rum.
269 Columbus Ave.

L.I.C. Bar

Long Island City's **L.I.C. Bar** welcomes dogs on its spacious (and shaded) courtyard, where you can knock back a refreshing pint while watching live music and other acts. The interior is a marvel of bygone Victorian bar life, complete with original tin ceiling, but summer takes the action outside. The bar is stocked with craft brews, wines and single malt scotches, and though there's no food menu, you can call up any of the surrounding restaurants and get grub delivered right on the patio. ***45-58 Vernon Blvd.***

Barking Dog

The name says it all at the **Barking Dog** — just no unruly pets, please. Even the most demanding pup should feel welcome at this homey Upper East Side restaurant, where dog motifs decorate the bar and windows and dog-themed photos and art hang on the walls. The waitstaff will keep bowls topped off with iced water while you cool down with a root beer float or classic New York egg cream. Brunch is popular, from buttermilk pancakes to turkey burgers depending on your carb quota.
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Through the end of September, the **Andaz Wall Street** hotel downtown has a Bull & Beer Garden in its outdoor plaza open Tuesday through Friday. Humans have a variety of beers on tap to choose from, like Montauk Session IPA and Erdinger Hefeweizen, as well as Sigmund's pretzels and Copenhagen-style pølse (just don't call it a hot dog) from Revolving Dansk. Or, order from the menu of Dina Rata restaurant next door. And Wednesdays are Bark Hour, when beers are $5 and pretzels are $4, and treats for your pet are free. ***75 Wall St.***

HOT PLATE

Peter McManus Cafe is the new king of NYC burgers



EVA KIS



Eva Kis eats her way through New York
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When burger bragging rights are at stake, everyone brings their A-game. Last week, some of the best restaurants in the city turned out for Battle of the Burger at the South Street Seaport to vie for the right to claim the best in the city.

In the end, it was **Peter McManus Cafe** (152 Seventh Ave.) and their ode to their neighborhood, The Chelsea Burger, that won over the judges — and me. The oldest family-run bar in New York City (est. 1932) serves up the kind of pub fare that existed before Brooklyn became a brand: deli sandwiches, pork chops and Ol' Man's Sauerkraut.

But you're here for the burger that stomped young upstarts including Umami Burger and Williamsburg's The Grand, made with an 8-ounce patty that's half brisket and half short rib, topped with white aged cheddar, pickle and red onions on a brioche bun.

And because every great dish has a secret ingredient, the Chelsea gets a lashing of "fancy sauce," a sweet-spicy jam that tempers the funk of the cheese while bringing out the fatty goodness of that combo patty. It's actually a secret menu item so you have to ask for it, but rest assured there's always a fresh batch in the back.

It's appropriate that a classic joint got the glory. Everything old *is* new again — speaking of which, try the burger on their weekly Sunday bingo night, under-55s welcome.

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Celebrating the innumerable contributions of saxophone legend Charlie Parker — both as one of the musicians who laid the foundations of jazz, and as a huge influence on music as we know it today — the Charlie Parker Jazz Festival returns with free concerts and, for the first time, film screenings at the New School. This weekend offers concerts in Marcus Garvey and Tompkins Square parks, like the Randy Weston African Rhythms Sextet and 11-piece ensemble Jason Lindner: Breeding Ground. **Through Aug. 28, multiple locations, free, cityparksfoundation.org**

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Met Opera Summer HD Festival

For a third year, The Met Opera's Summer HD Festival brings the art form out of the theater onto Lincoln Center Plaza, with 10 operas showing over 11 nights on a giant screen. There are over 3,000 seats each night, and they're first come, first served — plus standing room. Operas this year include "Amadeus," "Il Trovatore" and "The Merry Widow." **Aug. 26-Sept. 5, Metropolitan Opera, 30 Lincoln Center Plaza, free, metopera.org**

DANCING

Quiet Clubbing Festival

Head to Coney Island for the first-ever festival of silent partying with a full night of events. Multiple stages will host nine DJs competing for your ears, while fire-twirlers, face-painters, hula dancers and more entertain you. You can warm up on Friday when Quiet Events produces Lincoln Center Local's Silent Disco on the waterfront in Long Island City — free. **Aug. 27, 4 p.m.-midnight, Coney Art Walls, 3050 Stillwell Ave., Brooklyn, $10-$50, quietevents.com**

ROLLER DERBY

Gotham Girls Roller Derby Championship

The inter-borough beef gets settled on the skating rink Saturday night, when the Manhattan Mayhem go head-to-head with the Brooklyn Bombshells for their season championship at the John Jay College gymnasium. The nonprofit Gotham Girls league supports amateur female athletes and competes at the national and international level, so you know these ladies take no prisoners. **Tickets are $24.95 online, $30 at the door. Aug. 27, 6 p.m. John Jay College Gym, 899 10th Ave., $24.95-$30, gothamgirlsrollerderby.com**

PARTY

SKAM Artist: Sujit's 21st Birthday Party

SKAM Artists really know how to make a guy feel special — especially if that guy is the founder of SKAM, and SVP of Epic Records, Sujit Kundu. His annual "21st" birthday party is taking place this year at Vandal on the Lower East Side, and you're invited to join the afterparty with dozens of SKAM's top performers. Past guests have included Lil Jon, Amber Rose, Tyson Beckford, Nick Cannon and others you won't just run into at the club on any Monday. **Aug. 29, doors at 10:45 p.m., Vandal, 199 Bowery, free, skamartist.com**

PODCAST

"Skull Juice Live" with Stephen Colbert & Tina Fey

Comedians Dino Stamatopoulos and Andy Dick are the hosts of the "Dino & Andy's Skull Juice" podcast, and next week they'll record it live with a few old friends — Stephen Colbert, Scott Adsit, Robert Smigel, Michael Stoyanov and Tina Fey — as a live reading of a sitcom pilot they all wrote together back in the day. The premise? A behind-the-scenes look at "Saturday Night Live." It never took off, while a little show called "30 Rock" did. Now they're sharing it with the world for one night only. **Aug. 30, 8-10:30 p.m., City Winery, 155 Varick St., $25-$35, citywinery.com**

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"Impressionism: American Gardens on Canvas"

Missed the rare stench of the "corpse flower" earlier this summer? Make up for it by taking a trip to the New York Botanical Garden for the last weekend of its Impressionist garden show. You'll immediately recognize many of the famous artworks inspired by our nation's most beautiful gardens, like pieces by Childe Hassam and John Singer Sargent. **Through Sept. 11, 2900 Southern Blvd., Bronx, nybg.org**

BLOCK PARTY

Brooklyn Loves Michael Jackson

Spike Lee's annual salute to the King of Pop returns to the streets of Bed-Stuy this Saturday. The star would've been 58 years old this month, and he would want us to keep popping and locking. Get down to Stuyvesant Avenue between Lexington Avenue and Quincy Street for a block party hosted by Lee and rapper Sway, with beats by MJ care of DJ Spinna. **Aug. 27, noon-6 p.m., free, 40acres.com**



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CABARET

"Trans-Jester"

Lady Bunny is no magician's sidekick or hat trick, she's the star of the show — and that'll be evident when she takes the stage at the historic Stonewall Inn for a month-long residency of her comedic cabaret, "Trans-Jester," featuring musical parodies, insightful social commentary and everything in between. The show includes a two-drink minimum (which she promises to ensure you'll need). **Aug. 31-Oct. 1, 7 p.m., 53 Christopher St., $19.99, ladybunny.net**

ARTS

20th Anniversary of "Chicago"

The longest-running American musical on Broadway, "Chicago" is also now celebrating 20 years of merry murderesses beating the odds. Take part in the festivities with a special concert as part of Central Park's SummerStage series — and yes, that means it's free to see current stars Bianca Marroquín (Roxie Hart) and Lana Gordon (Velma Kelly) belt through the sizzling score along with their fellow castmates. Of course, that also means it's first-come, first-served, so be sure to get there early — and all that jazz. **Aug. 31, 7:10 p.m., Central Park SummerStage, Rumsey Playfield, 69th St. at Fifth Ave., free, summerstage.org**

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Route 66's Singing Road

Distance: 38 miles
A drive on the Mother Road (now known as Interstate 40) is often at the top of a road trippers' bucket list, but the iconic route has a twist. A strip of "musical road" was installed near the village of Tijeras, east of Albuquerque. A series of rumble strips on the highway is calibrated so if you drive the speed limit (45 mph), the vibrations in your car buzz to the tune of "America the Beautiful." Start your drive in Albuquerque, then cruise east through the Cibola National Forest until you reach Tijeras and the singing road. Continue on to Moriarty, where you'll see some Route 66 relics, such as the Sunset Motel and some old bars. Note: The road only plays music if you're driving east.

Coast to Coast

Distance: 3,024 miles
If you're going to drive across the country, you might as well take the long route: Interstate 90, which connects Boston to Seattle along the longest interstate in the U.S. You'll pass through 13 states, dropping down around the Great Lakes, then up across the Great Plains and the Continental Divide. You could do the drive in about six days, but it's best to take your time and make detours to some of the nation's top sites, including Niagara Falls, Mount Rushmore and Yellowstone National Park.

Presidential Trail

Distance: 1,045 miles
Florida's Presidential Trail strings together an impressive lineup of historic sites. Start in Pensacola, where Andrew Jackson served as Florida's first governor after accepting the land from Spain. Cruise across northern Florida over to Daytona Beach, where you can dine at The Cellar, a restaurant that used to be Warren G. Harding's home. Onward in Central Florida, you'll find some tributes to America's leaders at Walt Disney World's Hall of Presidents and Clermont's The Presidents Hall of Fame. Over on the Gulf Side, check out where presidential hopefuls gathered in Tampa for the 2012 Republican National Convention. Finally, swing down into Key West for a peek at



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Distance: 134 miles
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Great Lakes

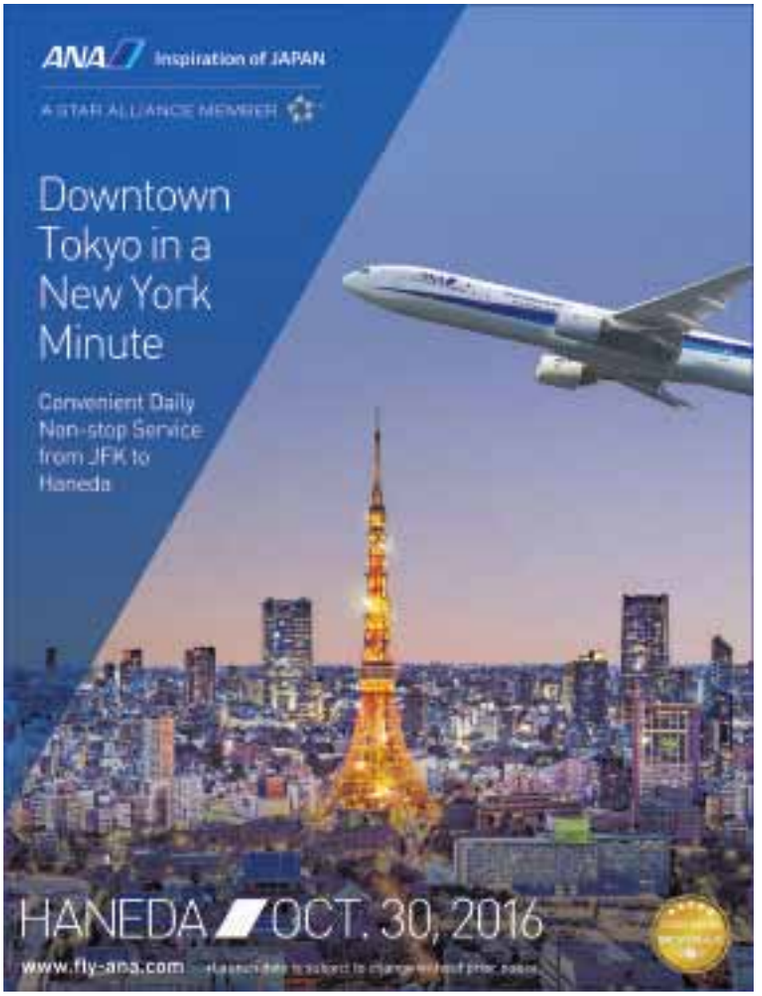
Distance: 315 miles
Begin at Dunkirk Historical Lighthouse on Lake Erie in New York, where you can take a harbor cruise to learn about local shipwrecks. Continue northward on Route 190 around the lake and take a breather at majestic Niagara Falls. Enjoy Fort Niagara State Park to experience living history programs and the stunning views, before traveling north and continuing along Lake Ontario on Route 18. A historic detour worth taking is Murphy Orchards and Underground Railroad in Burt. Continue on Route 104 to Oswego to stop at the Fort Ontario State Site, the Safe Haven Museum and the Oswego Lighthouse. Finish at the mouth of the St. Lawrence River at Cape Vincent.

Blue Ridge Parkway

Distance: 383 miles
Dense with aromatic forests, the Blue Ridge Parkway connects Shenandoah National Park in North Carolina and Virginia's Skyline Drive. The Poor's Farmer's Market at mile 178 is a great spot to pick up a quilt and the Blue Ridge Music Center (mile 213) is a must to experience and appreciate Appalachian music. Take in the best views at Waterrock Knob at mile 451 and be sure to explore towns such as Blowing Rock (mile 291) and Little Switzerland (mile 334). The bookend cities of Charlottesville and Asheville are worth a day or two each.





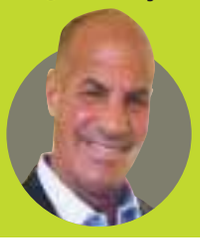


JETS AND GIANTS CLASH OFFERING UP GREAT STORYLINES

SID ROSENBERG

OPINION

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It's time for the yearly preseason clash between New York's football squads. GETTY IMAGES

It may only be August, but this Saturday in East Rutherford the New York football faithful will be out in regular season form as the Giants and Jets square off in the sixth annual "Snoopy Bowl" at MetLife Stadium. There has been no love lost over the years between the bitter rivals and though it is only the preseason expect emotions to be running high.

Week 3 of the preseason is usually the last time NFL teams will run their starters out there before the regular season starts and with that in mind you can bet we are in for some top-notch football. What will make this game even more interesting to watch is the return (and debuts) of some of both teams' most dynamic players.

For the Giants it will hopefully be the much-anticipated return of wide receiver Victor Cruz. Cruz has been plagued by knee and calf injuries over the past two seasons and that has kept him on the sidelines. All signs are pointing to him being able to get some action on Saturday.

All eyes will be on Cruz this season to see if he can stay healthy and get back to his All-Pro form, and it all may start this Saturday against the Jets. No doubt the Jets will be looking to remind Cruz of the physicality of the NFL — so expect some chippiness from both sides.

The Jets will be looking to see the return of All-Pro defensive lineman Muhammad Wilkerson and the debut of their new starting running back Matt Forte. Wilkerson broke his leg in the 2015 season finale against the Buffalo Bills and spent the entire season rehabbing the injury while also waiting to get paid by the Jets. Luckily for both sides, an agreement was reached and the Jets organization and Wilkerson are excited to have put the long contract dispute to rest.

As for Forte, the Jets are looking for him to be the All-Pro that he was in Chicago with the Bears. One of the league's best all-around backs, Forte has been dealing with a hamstring injury that has kept him sidelined for most of training camp and the preseason. When Forte returns he will bring a much-needed veteran presence and safety net to a Jets backfield behind Ryan Fitzpatrick.

Other than these returns and debuts mentioned above we can expect the usual from both teams on Saturday.

The Giants are coming off a 21-0 loss to the Bills last week and first year head coach Ben McAdoo was visibly upset with the loss. You can bet that Eli Manning will be slinging the ball in the direction of Odell Beckham Jr. early and often to prove that last week's goose egg was a fluke.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Giants will be looking for former Jet Damon "Snacks" Harrison to dupe Gang Green's offensive line and cause some mayhem in the backfield.

The Jets will see the usual chemistry between Fitzpatrick and his Pro Bowl wideouts Eric Decker and Brandon Marshall on the offensive side. On defense, Leonard Williams and the Jets' young, fast front seven will be looking to disrupt Eli Manning in every way possible.

Strap in for a good one Saturday night.

Jets' defense will be tested by Giants' offense in Preseason Week 3 action

The Jets' starting defense may have struggled some so far in the preseason, but to a man, there's no doubt they'll right themselves in time for the Sept. 11 season opener.

Their uneven play is all relative, considering the starters haven't been on the field for more than a quarter's worth of action. But Saturday night's tilt with the neighboring Giants will allow the Jets to really showcase their defense, as it's the third preseason game and generally known as the "dress rehearsal" where teams play their starters well into the third quarter.

Veteran inside linebacker David Harris acknowledges that the Jets have kept things "close to the vest" for the most part this preseason, which is why he sounds like a guy who's not overly concerned.

"I think we're going to be all right. I know people are saying we aren't playing well because of the first two preseason games, but we don't scout and we don't watch any film," Harris admitted. "We don't do any preparation for the other team. We go out there and play very vanilla, basic calls. I think once we get into the season, we're going to do good things."

They can start doing good things against a Giants offense that still has questions of its own. Wideout Victor Cruz may play, which would be the first game action of any kind since Oct. 12, 2014. Cruz, who practiced on Tuesday for the first time in over a week, would give the Giants a balanced passing attack to go along with Odell Beckham Jr. and Sterling Shepard, while also providing the Jets' defense a great look in preparation for its season opener against the Bengals.

Harris believes that head coach Todd Bowles and defensive coordinator Kacy Rodgers will actually open things up against the Giants to better gauge where the starting defense is.

"We play very vanilla defense in the preseason. The coaches are more focused on seeing guys play more technique and do the basics of the overall scheme of the defense," Harris said. "But this game with the Giants will be a better test of where we are at. We do watch film before this game and we do a little bit of gameplanning … We approach it as almost a regular season game even though it's the preseason. It's a good measuring stick for us."

"It's the inner city rivalry and it's always the most fun preseason game," he added. "The crowd on both sides are into it. It's a good atmosphere." TONY WILLIAMS



Victor Cruz hopes to be healthy and productive this season. GETTY IMAGES

FANTASY: HIGH ON SHARPE, WHITE, DOWN ON LEWIS

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Dion Lewis' injury issues change the complexion of New England's running attack. GETTY IMAGES

The best NFL coaches are constantly making adjustments based on their opponent, personnel and injuries. Fantasy owners need to be doing the same thing. The rankings we worked so hard on two months ago remain a fine baseline. But we need to be flexible and react quickly to the constant flow of NFL news. Here are three guys whose value has changed the most:

Sharpe play

It's extremely rare for fifth-round rookie wide receivers to have any impact at all in Year 1. But Tajae Sharpe is on track toward outlier status. He's been running with the starters since minicamps and has continued to operate as the Titans' best receiver in training camp. With Dorial Green-Beckham gone, there's no longer a question about his first-string status. Sharpe was in on 17 of Marcus Mariota's 21 snaps in the second preseason game, catching six passes during that time. He's now a legit threat to battle Delanie Walker and Rishard Matthews for the team lead in targets.

White is the new Dion

Dion Lewis' complications off his ACL tear have thrown the door wide open for James White. With Lewis sidelined indefinitely, White is the heavy favorite to be the Patriots' passing-down back. That role has produced serious value for much of the Tom Brady era, from Kevin Faulk to Danny Woodhead to Shane Vereen to Lewis. In the final seven games of last season (while Lewis was out), White averaged 5.0 catches per game and scored three touchdowns. He's now a viable mid-round pick in full-PPR formats.

Whole lot of Luck

Vontae Davis has been one of the most dominant shadow corners in the NFL over the last few seasons, suffocating receivers on a weekly basis and forcing quarterbacks to look elsewhere. So his recent serious ankle injury is a devastating blow to a Colts defense that now arguably has the least talent in the league. It will be open season for opponents, starting with Matthew Stafford, Golden Tate and Marvin Jones in Week 1. Davis' injury also puts more on the shoulders of Andrew Luck, who has a 33-year-old starting running back and no defensive support. Luck is the favorite to lead the entire NFL in pass attempts this season.

NFL sleepers of the week

1. Jared Cook, TE, Packers
Cook is healthy off foot surgery and the Packers are struggling to find a viable No. 3 receiver. Always long on talent, now Cook is also long at quarterback.

2. Mohamed Sanu, WR, Falcons
Harry Douglas and Roddy White have succeeded as the No. 2 wideout for Matt Ryan. Sanu and his new $32.5M contract have a great chance do the same at a low cost.

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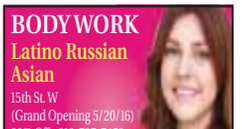
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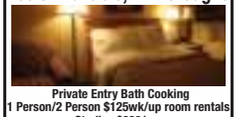
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In pursuance and by virtue of a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly granted and entered in and action entitled NYCTL 2012-A Trust and The Bank of New York Mellon as Collateral Agent and Custodian for NYCTL 2012-A Trust v. Carranza, bearing Index No. 18721-13 before the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Queens, IAS Part 32, on or about November 5, 2015, I, the Referee, duly appointed in this action for such purpose, will expose for sale and sell at public auction to the highest bidder on September 9, 2016, at 10:00 a.m., in Courtroom 25 of the Queens County Supreme Court located at 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica, New York 11435, the liened premises designated as Block 9331, Lot 132, in the City of New York, County and Borough of Queens, State of New York and known as 123rd Street, Queens, New York, directed in and by said judgment to be sold. The approximate amount of the judgment is $3,831.10 plus interest and other charges, and the property is being sold subject to the terms and conditions stated in the judgment, any prior encumbrances and the terms of the sale which shall be available at the time of the sale. Dated: August 11, 2016 New York, New York.

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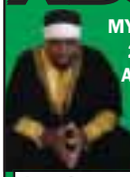
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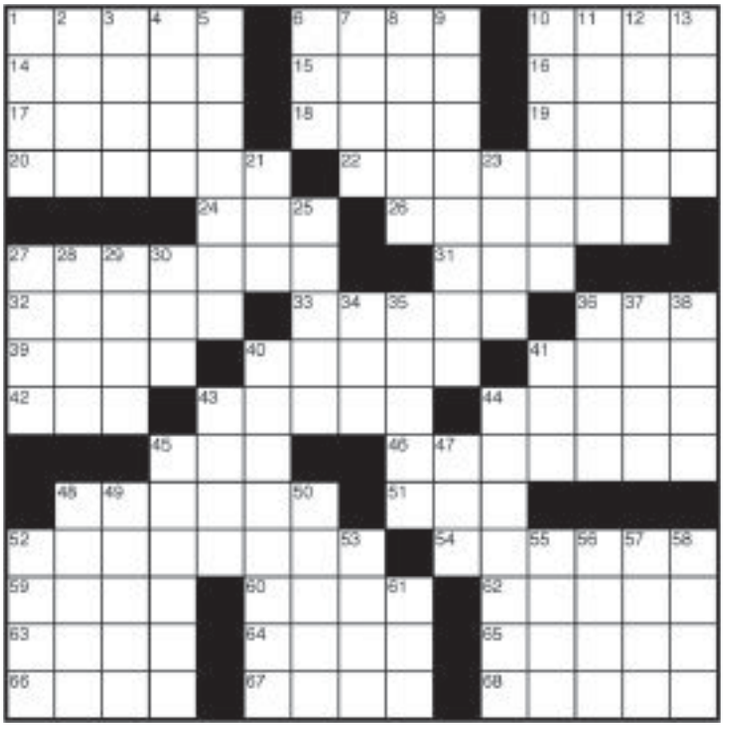
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Across

1 Bounded along
6 Vassal
10 Magazine stand
14 Love, Italian style
15 Diva's rendition
16 Post-kindergarten
17 Boast about
18 Astrologers of old
19 Surfeit
20 Main road
22 Allow
24 Unconscious
26 Steak cut (hyph.)
27 Raft book (hyph.)
31 "Mona Lisa" crooner
32 Discrete
33 Hairless comic-strip character
36 Shapely limb
39 Frilly
40 Despots
41 Tokyo's space pgm.
42 Architect's wing
43 Batman's alias
44 More blustery
45 — Diego Chargers
46 Glimmer
48 Holds off for
51 Softball toss
52 Downier
54 Caterwauled
59 Measure of land
60 Food preparer
62 Then and --
63 Macdonald of whodunits
64 Oil job
65 Trace
66 Marshal Dillon
67 "Born Free" feline
68 Warmth of feeling

Down

1 Volcanic flow
2 Sharif of film
3 Mope
4 Urn homophone
5 Motor city
6 "Cheers" bar owner
7 Latin 101 word
8 Severity
9 Weaknesses
10 Kick oneself
11 Ease
12 Mailbox device
13 Toy on a string
21 Hearty laugh
23 Auction site
25 Dither
27 Leafy vegetable
28 Silica mineral
29 Table salt
30 Have a go at
34 Fleming of 007 fame
35 Garbo
36 Stare stupidly
37 Lutz alternative
38 Plain on the moon
40 Hymn of praise
41 Surfing duo — and Dean
43 Very thin model
44 Lasagna cheese
45 Least risky
47 Sardonic
48 Aluminum giant
49 Leipzig link
50 Asian capital
52 Grow wheat
53 Sticks up
55 Hum
56 Let use
57 Reasoner's word
58 Woodlands grazer
61 Big green parrot



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Aries Stabilize your financial situation by locking in your investments and protecting your assets and possessions. Now is not the time to share. Look out for your own interests.

Taurus Trust what you know, not what others tell you. Refuse to let emotional blackmail deter you from doing what's best for you. Learn from your experience and make progress.

Gemini Strong emotions will cause you to do things you normally wouldn't do. Take precautions and force yourself to think before you make a regrettable mistake.

Cancer Someone will withhold information. If something isn't clear, you are best off biding your time until you can figure out exactly what's taking place. Be safe and avoid a costly mistake.

Leo Take charge and get things done. Empty promises will set you back and cost you time and money. Take charge and bring about the changes you deem necessary.

Virgo Refrain from showing your feelings. An argument will not help you solve any of your problems. Listen and learn before taking action in order to avoid backlash.

Libra Stand on guard. There is a lesson to be learned, but if you proceed with caution, it won't cost you financially or emotionally. Protect your property and move on.

Scorpio No one will take care of your business the same way you will. You'll be led astray by someone trying to take advantage of you. Emotionally inspired spending is discouraged.

Sagittarius Don't wait for someone to take the reins. Ask questions and make choices and decisions based on what works for you. Don't give in to others' demands.

Capricorn Emotional manipulation is apparent in the workplace. Don't trust anyone to give you the lowdown when it comes to business; find out for yourself.

Aquarius Improve your surroundings and make adjustments that will deter complaints or criticism. Partnerships will be taxing. Take a moment to rethink and revamp your strategy.

Pisces Be careful when in tense or tempting situations. An honest and open approach to life and relationships will be necessary. Be reasonable and realistic. EUGENIA LAST

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